

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting
January 2, 2013 MINUTES
Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria

Present: Joe De Vito Chair, Richard Dyer, Tony Bibbo, Chris Fortunato, Matt Green, Jeff Mace, Terence Sack
Staff: Ruth Hoshino, Jennifer O'Leary
Guests: Tom Pomeroy, Deb D'Arcy
Interns: Teekhon Davidoff, Jay Sobel, Jacob Prince, Sophie Veksler, Adoran Moste, Zachary Eagle

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM and chaired by Joe De Vito.

A vote to accept the minutes of December 5, 2012 was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The budget for FY 2012 is \$2,500
 - Expenses to date include:
 - \$423.86 Food/Activities/Gifts
 - \$487.50 6 Month Subscription eCHUG
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- \$911.36 Total Spent
- \$1588.64 Balance
- \$586.12 Revolving Account Balance
- Need to make decisions about funds for:
 - o Youth Summit II
 - o Annual Dinner (\$600.00 amount spent 2012)
 - o Improbable Players if we want to bring them back again (\$730.00)
 - o eCHUG (\$487.50 – another 6 Month Subscription)

Business:

Discussion of best use of funds:

Improbable Players:

- Really worthwhile, students expressed that they had seen or heard about the show and it was terrific
- Concern about the funds is the issue -\$730 is half the total cost – Improbable players give us a scholarship for the other half
- Maybe look into other groups who could help fund this program
- Reach out to Alison Malkin about the schools bringing in this performance

eCHUG:

- Learn a lot of interesting facts
- Would work better as a part of a structured curriculum
- Designed for college and may not go to good use at HS level
- Too long even though it is a very edited version
- Can't reach as many people with a one day performance as we can with this program over time, but which is more meaningful
- Student input was that the questionnaire is too long and that they would not revisit the site more than once
- Jeff will follow-up on a possible funding source to help with cost
- Chris will ask eCHUG about flexibility in payment plan
- Jenny will look into numbers and stats from eCHUG and report back on usage at February meeting

Award Dinner:

- Would like to save money on the dinner
- Possible idea of combining our dinner with Recreation Dept. Youth Awards
- More recognition and possibly less expense
- Jenny will ask Parks & Rec about the possibility and report back at the February meeting

Update from the Mayor's Public Service Interns:

Youth Summit II:

- Meeting on January 9th with Teen Voices, Boys and Girls Club Keystone and YMCA teens to combine groups for planning efforts
- First Action Group meetings for Youth Summit II will be on January 15th & 17th at 5:30pm
- Two Action Group topics are Academic Stress & Time Management (meeting on Jan. 15th) and Youth & Adult Conversation/Collaboration (meeting on Jan. 17th)
- Draft schedule for the night has been made
- Need to recruit action group members

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. **The next meeting is Wednesday, February 6, 2013.**

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer O'Leary